(Capacity in metric tonne per day (MTPD)

Sl.No.	Name of the unit	Plant	Declared capacity	Interim Reassessed capacity	Reassessed capacities is recommended by Dr. Alagh Committee
9	KRIBHCO	Ammonia	2700	3000	3040
	Hazira	Urea	4400	5172	5240
10	NFCL	Ammonia	900	1050	1050
	Kakinada-1	Urea	1500	1810	1810

As regards RCF-Thal, the Committee has recommended that there should be no reassessment and has further recommended a financial package as an interim relief.

The Committee has further recommended that as the effect of incremental capacity on account of installation of Purge Gas Recovery units has already been included under the reassessed capacities recommended by the Committee, no further revision is required in this regard.

Subsidy on Urea, DAF, MOP

4602. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) how much subsidies were there on Urea, DAF, MOP and other fertilizers during the last three years;

(b) how much of these subsidies have been removed, till date; and

(c) what is the new proposal for removal of subsidies on fertilizers in the coming year?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA): (a) The details of amount of subsidy paid on urea and concession on decontrolled phosphatic and potassic fertilizers including Di-ammonium Phosphate (DAP) and Murate of Potash (MOP) during the last three years are as follows:

(Rs. in crore)

Period	Subsidy paid on urea	Concession paid on decontrolled phosphatic and potassic fertilizers
1998-99	7597.22	3789.94
1999-2000	8744.07	4500.00
2000-2001 (RE)	9481.00	4319.00

(b) Government continues to provide subsidy on urea and concession on decontrolled phosphatic and potassic fertilizers with the objective of making available fertilizers to farmers at affordable prices. The figures of expenditure on subsidy and concession, as given above in reply to part (a) of the Question, show that the quantum of subsidy on fertilizers is increasing.

(c) There is no proposal, at present, for removal of subsidy on fertilizers.

New Drug Policy

4603. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news/ report appearing in the Business Standard dated 3rd January, 2001, under the caption, "Drug Policy further mired-another working group set up";

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government to the observations made therein and facts of the matter; and

(c) by when Government are expected to take a final view on the New Drug Policy, to make india a global hub for producing medicines, as well as R&D activities for Multi-National Companies?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA): (a) to (c) There is no news item captioned 'Drug Policy further mired-another working group set up'